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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Case No. 99-499)

In the Application of:)	
Chou et al.)	
Serial No.: 08/903,944)	Examiner: D. Fox
Filing Date: July 31, 1997))	Group Art Unit: 1638
For: Production of Transgenic Poinsettia)	

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 27, 2001

Box Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks made in response to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2001.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

(a)

Please amend the claims as follows: (MARKED-UP COPY) (Three Times Amended) A method for producing transgenic poinsettia plants, comprising:

> incubating poinsettia plant tissue explants that produce reddish epidermal callus on auxin- and cytokinin-containing callus induction medium; culturing reddish epidermal callus on embryo induction medium comprising casein hydrolysate and NH₄⁺ and/or NO₃⁻ to form embryogenic callus;

> > CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231, on May 29, 2001.

Date: May 29, 2001